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PATENT APPLICATION  
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Attorney Docket No. 4313-031012

First Inventor Vance M. SMith

Title Closure Assembly for a Storage Container

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2.  Applicant claims small entity status.  
 See 37 CFR 1.27.

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- Brief Summary of the Invention
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- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
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4.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 3]

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12.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS Citations

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Entitled: "Closure Assembly for a Storage Container"

Small Entity Status:

Small Entity Statement under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed  
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Enclosed are:  3 sheet/s of drawing/s

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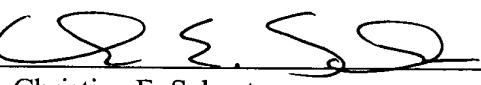
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Multiple Dependent Claim/s		+ \$145.00	+ \$290.00	\$ _____
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